



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0328; Airspace Docket No. 21-ASO-5]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Savannah, GA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class D airspace by removing unnecessary verbiage from the description, and Class E surface airspace in Savannah, GA, by updating the dividing line between Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport and Hunter Army Airfield, and separating the descriptions of the two airports under the surface E airspace. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, October 7, 2021. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at

https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591; Telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11E at NARA, email fr.inspection@nara.gov or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This

regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends Class D and E airspace in Savannah, GA.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the *Federal Register* (86 FR 26861, May 18, 2021) for Docket No. FAA-2021-0328 to amend Class D airspace by removing (previously called Airport/Facility Directory) from the description, as it is unnecessary, and Class E surface airspace in Savannah, GA by updating the dividing line separating the airspace between Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport and Hunter AAF.

DIFFERENCES FROM THE NPRM: Subsequent to publication of the NPRM, the FAA found the Class E surface descriptions should be defined under separate headers to alleviate pilot confusion. This action makes this adjustment.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000, and 6002, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by

Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020. FAA Order 7400.11E is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11E lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by amending the Class D airspace by removing (previously called Airport/Facility Directory) from the description, as it is unnecessary, and Class E surface airspace in Savannah, GA by updating the dividing line separating the airspace between Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport and Hunter AAF. Also, the Class E surface airspace for Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport and Hunter AAF will now be listed under each airport's own header.

This action is a result of an airspace review of the Savannah area.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine

amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It therefore:

(1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866;

(2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and

Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant

preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is minimal.

Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures an air

navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a

significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under

the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with

FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,”

paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any

potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary

circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental

assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air)

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation

Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E

AIRSPACE AREAS;

AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order

7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21,

2020, and effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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ASO GA D Savannah/Hunter AAF, GA [New]

Hunter AAF, GA

(lat. 32°00'36"N., long. 81°08'46"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,500 feet MSL within a 4.5-mile radius of Hunter AAF; excluding that portion of the overlying Savannah, GA Class C airspace area and that airspace north of lat. 32°02'30"N. This Class D airspace is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6002. Class E Surface Airspace.

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ASO GA E2 Savannah, GA [Amended]

Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, GA

(lat. 32°07'39"N., long. 81°12'08"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 5-mile radius of Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice

to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

ASO GA E2 Savannah/Hunter AAF, GA [New]

Hunter AAF, GA

(lat. 32°00'36"N., long. 81°08'46"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.5-mile radius of Hunter AAF, excluding that airspace north of lat. 32°02'30"N. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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